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REP. HINTZ AND REP. BERNARD SCHABER THE DEMOCRATIC VOICES OF NORTHEAST WISCONSIN

Reps. HINTZ AND BERNARD SCHABER GATHER WITH WORKERS IN GREEN BAY

EMPLOYEES SHARE THEIR CONCERNS FOR THEIR FAMILIES IF THE WALKER PROPOSAL PASSES

Green Bay –Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) and Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber (D-Appleton) gathered today in solidarity with NE workers at the Brown County Courthouse.

Rep. Hintz:

"This week, tens of thousands of workers who plow our roads, teach our kids and keep us safe traveled to Madison to ask Governor Walker and the Republican leadership to listen to their concerns. We are talking about important people in our communities such as EMTs, Nurses and Teachers."

"Governor Walker refuses to speak to his constituents, so I am here today to give Wisconsin's workers the opportunity to voice their concerns. This five-day old proposal may please Walker's special interests, such as groups like The Club for Growth and right-wing talk radio, but it undermines our economy, lowers the quality of our kids' education and erodes the quality of life in Wisconsin."

Rep. Bernard Schaber:

"Governor Walker knows that a Budget Repair bill is not required at this time, but instead he is introducing it and using it as a vehicle to attack working families. This 'budget repair' bill takes money from the SeniorCare fund, allows unelected bureaucrats to rewrite Medicaid, eliminates workers rights and adds another 35 political appointees to the payroll. It doesn't repair, it destroys."

Bob Mitchell, Wautoma, WI: Employee at AxleTech in Oshkosh

"I'm afraid that this will result in highly skilled workers leaving Wisconsin. Asking us to make a shared sacrifice is ok, but eliminating our rights effects whether people will want to work in this State."

Mike Larson, Oshkosh, WI: Psychiatric Care Technician at Wisconsin Resource Center

"This is a direct attack on employee rights. I work in a high security unit and I fear the effect that loosing highly qualified staff will have on employee safety and the safety of the public."

Gail Bertram, Oshkosh, WI: First Grade Teacher at Read Elementary

"This will amount to a \$10,000 pay cut for me. It will effect how my family and I, how my coworkers and their families, live and work. There will be less money flowing into the local economy, it could lead to over crowding in schools and it will certainly lead to the loss of qualified teaching staff."

Governor Walker's proposal can be views online at: http://www.thewheelerreport.com/releases/February11/0211/0211walkerbudgetlrb.pdf

For more information or contact information for any of the speakers please contact Rep Hintz or Rep Bernard Schaber's offices.

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